An appeal has also been made to the Federations to withdraw the strike notice in view of the fact that all their demands were based on some misunderstanding which have been clarified and removed.

Loss disbursement target in nationalised banks in Maharashtra

*235. SHRI TULASIDAS MAJJI:

DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the priority sector loan disbursement target for nationalised banks in Maharashtra;

(b) how much of this target was achieved;

(c) what are the reasons for not achieving the target;

(d) whether it is not purposefully done by the officers of the banks; and

(e) what steps are being taken to see that targets of priority sector lending are achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHARA MURTHY): (a) to (e) In terms of Reserve Bank of India (RBI)'s guidelines on lending to priority sector, all Indian Banks are required to extend at least 40 per cent of their net bank credit to priority sector. No State-wise targets have been stipulated in this regard. The target of 40 per cent is to be achieved by the concerned bank on an all India basis. However, certain targets are stipulated under Annual Credit Plan (ACP) prepared under Service Area Approach (SAA) scheme by commercial banks for a district. The targets and the achievements against the same under priority sector in respect of nationalised banks in Maharashtra under ACP 1992-93 and 1993-94, as reported by bank of Maharashtra the Convenor bank for State Level Bankers' Committee in the State was as under:—

(Rs. in Crores)

Year	Target	Achievement	% of Achievement to Target
1992-93	526.05	482.74	91
1993-94	566.45	509.84	90

From the above, it may be observed that achievement by nationalised banks in the matter of providing credit to priority sector in the State of Maharashtra is good. The performance of the banks in this regard is continuously monitored at block, district, State and national level to ensure that stipulated targets under priority sector are achieved.

जी. टी. वी. द्वारा कांग्रेस (आई) की पार्टी की रेली की कवरेज

*236. श्री गोविन्द राम गिरी :

श्री कृष्ण लाल शर्मा :

क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) दिल्ली में 14 जुलाई 1994 को आयोजित कांग्रेस (आई) पार्टी की रैली के सीधे प्रसारण के लिए दूरदर्शन ने "जी."टी. वी. को किन नियमों एवं विनियमों के अन्तर्गत अपलिंकिंक की सुविधायें कैमरामैन ओ.बी. वैन सिगन्ल इत्यादि सभी उपकरणों के साथ उपलब्ध कराई ;

(ख) क्या किसी निजी उपग्रह टी. वी. कम्पनी को भारत से अपलिंक करने की सुविधायें दी जाती हैं; यदि हां तो इसका ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) दूरदर्शन द्वारा "जी." टी.वी. से कितनी राशि प्राप्त की गई और कब प्राप्त की गई ;

(ब) क्या दूरदर्शन ने भी उक्त कार्यक्रम के कवरेज और प्रसारण हेतु "जी." टी.वी. को किसी राशि का भुगतान किया है और यदि हां, तो इसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ङ) ऐसी सुविधायें उपलब्ध कराने का निर्णय कब और किस स्तर पर लिया गया ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री के.पी. सिंह देव) : (क) भरेसू तथा विदेशी उपभोक्ताओं को ऐसी सुविधाएँ प्रदान करने की दूरदर्शन की पद्धति के अनुसार भुगतान आधार पर दूरदर्शन द्वारा तकनीकी सुविधायें उपलब्ध करवाई गई थीं ।

(ख) जी नहीं । भारत से अपलिंक सुविधायें विदेश संचार निगम लिमिटेड द्वारा विनियमित की जाती हैं ।

(ग) दूरदर्शन ने मैसर्स "जी." टी.वी. को 5.17 लाख रुपए की राशि का बिल प्रस्तुत किया है ।

(घ) जी, नहीं ।

(ङ) इस संबंध में 13 जुलाई, 1994 को दूरदर्शन द्वारा निर्णय लिया गया था ।

AIR employees absorbed in DD

*237. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of All India Radio employees absorbed in the Doordarshan cadre;

(b) whether any willingness was taken from the employees;

(c) whether there is any difference in the promotion policies of AIR and Doordarshan; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) As far as Indian Broadcasting (Programme) Service is concerned, 86 officers of various grades working in AIR have since been transferred to Doordarhan.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Effect of GATT Agreement on Electricity Charges

*238. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether GATT Agreement is likely to decrease or increase electricity charges;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to reconsider the modification of the Agreement; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI N. K. P. SALVE): (a) No, Sir. GATT Agreement will not have any impact on electricity charges.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Investment by British Companies in Power Projects

*239. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the British Companies are holding back investment in power projects in India pending sovereign guarantees from the Indian Government; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI N. K. P. SALVE): (a) The investors including the British companies have